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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of any subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

(Amended)

A method for distributing an active agent

over a pet's body and/or in sebaceous glands of the pet and thereby control fleas and ticks on or eliminate fleas and ticks from the pet to ensure more than six months of efficacy of greater than 95% against fleas, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with  $100 \pm 10$  fleas, and more than three months of efficacy of greater than 90% against ticks, as determined in a test providing the reinfestation of the pet with  $50 \pm 3$  ticks, comprising attaching to the pet a collar having a matrix into which is incorporated from 0.1 to 40% by weight, relative to the collar, of the active agent against fleas and ticks, wherein this active agent comprises at least one compound corresponding to formula (I) below in which R<sub>1</sub> is CN,  $R_2$  is  $S(O)_nR_3$ ,  $R_3$  is haloalkyl,  $R_4$  is  $NII_2$ ,  $\underline{X}$  is  $C-R_{12}$ ,  $\underline{R}_{12}$  is a halogen atom, R11, is a halogen atom, R13 is haloalkyl, and n is an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2.